

IMPORTANT HAWAIIAN NEWS.

Great Britain Wants Necker Island
For a Cable Landing.

CLEVELAND FAVORS THE LEASE.

The Consent of the United States Asked
for by This Government—Representative
Hitt Favors a Subsidy for a Hawaiian
Cable—Lodge not Answered.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The President today sent to Congress another batch of Hawaiian correspondence supplementary to the Walker report. This chapter is full of interest, inasmuch as it reveals a notable difference of opinion between Admiral Walker and United States Minister Willis regarding the necessity of keeping United States warships as long as the British Government keeps a man-of-war there. In the second place it discloses an effort is being made by the British Government, with the consent of the Hawaiian authorities, to secure the lease of an island of the Hawaiian group to be used as a cable station.

With the correspondence the President sent this message:

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: I submit herewith certain dispatches from our Minister at Hawaii and documents which accompanied the same. They disclose the fact that the Hawaiian Government desires to lease to Great Britain one of the uninhabited islands belonging to Hawaii as a station for a submarine telegraph cable to be laid from Canada to Australia, with a connection between the island leased and Honolulu. Both the Government of Hawaii and the representatives of Great Britain in this negotiation concede that the proposed lease cannot be effected without the consent of the United States, for the reason that in our reciprocity treaty with the King of Hawaii he agreed that as long as the same treaty remained in force he would not lease or otherwise dispose of, or create any lien upon, any port, harbor or territory in his dominion, or grant any special privilege or rights of use therein to any other State or Government.

At the request of the Hawaiian Government this subject is laid before Congress for its determination upon the question of so modifying the treaty agreement above recited as to permit the proposed lease.

It will be seen the correspondence which is submitted between Hawaii and the British negotiators negatives the existence on the part of Hawaii of any suspicion of British friendliness or fear of British aggression.

The attention of Congress is directed to the following statement contained in the communication addressed to the Hawaiian Government by the representatives of Great Britain: "We propose to inform the British Government of your inquiry whether they will accept Necker Island or some other uninhabited island, on condition that no subsidy is required from you. As we explained, he have not felt at liberty to entertain that question ourselves, as we were definitely instructed not to ask for the sovereignty of any island, but only for a lease, simply for the purpose of a cable."

Some of the dispatches from our Minister, which are submitted, not only refer to the project for leasing an uninhabited island belonging to Hawaii, but certain interesting information concerning the recent occurrences in that country and its political and social condition.

This information is valuable, because it is based upon observation and knowledge, necessarily within the scope of diplomatic duties, which are entrusted solely to the charge of this intelligent diplomatic officer representing the United States Government at Hawaii.

I hope Congress will see fit to grant the request of the Hawaiian Government and our consent to the proposed lease be accorded. It seems we ought not by the refusal of this request stand in the way of the advantages to be gained by isolated Hawaii through telegraphic communication with the rest of the world, and especially in view of the fact that our own communication with that country would thereby be so improved without detriment to any legitimate American interests.

FAVORS A HAWAIIAN CABLE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Representative Hitt, who is recognized as the Republican leader in the House on foreign affairs, said today that he fully agreed with the President that the Hawaiian Islands should have the benefits of telegraphic communication with the world at large, but was strongly opposed to putting their cable facilities under the control of any Government but the United States. Hitt favors the subsidy for a Hawaiian cable.

THE LODGE RESOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Lodge resolution calling for information why United States ships of war had been withdrawn from Hawaiian waters was considered in the Senate today, and Palmer (D.), of Illinois, made an address. Whence, he asked, did the Senate derive the right to call on the President for his reason for executive acts? No such power existed, and was it not impertinent for the Senate to make the demand? He maintained that it was absurd to say that the Senate may demand reasons of the President without at the same time having the right in some way or other to compel an answer.

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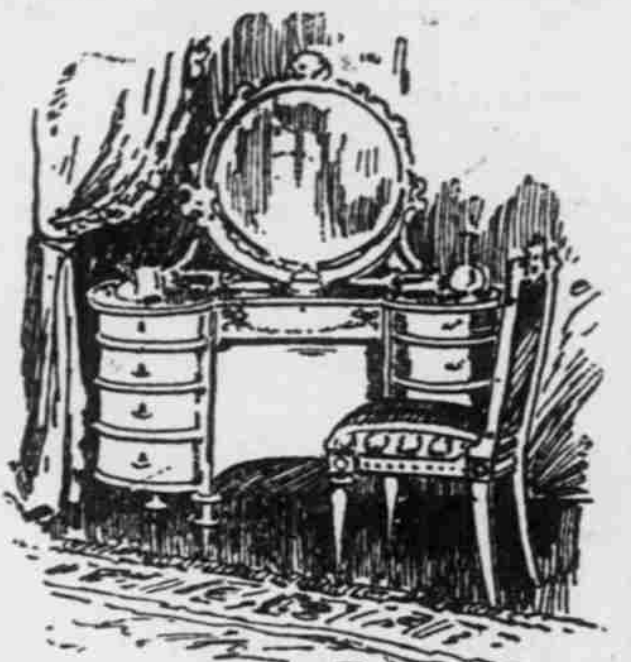
THE TOILET TABLE.

IT HAS SUPERSEDED THE BUREAU
IN FASHIONABLE BOUDOIRS.

Prevailing Styles in Furniture Appear in the New Dressing Tables—The Duchess Table Remains in Favor—Novelties in Covers—Toilet Articles in Abundance.

In these days milady's toilet table is as much a part of her existence as the daily papers or the latest fashion in frocks. The bureau's reign is over, and that most useful if not ornamental piece of furniture may be banished for seven years, the usual time, to some garret or storeroom, while chiffoniers and dressing tables take its place. The toilet table need not be part and parcel of the set of bedroom furniture, but it is now counted as one of the essential pieces thereof. It can be and often is a unique piece, a veritable curiosity, an heirloom. In every shape and form and of every description of wood is it fashioned—empire, the various Louises, the colonial and all the many styles. Even the old fashioned duchess table, so dear to the heart of the amateur carpenter, has been revived. The duchess table possesses many attractions for people whose purses are not so wide as their tastes. It can be made of a kitchen table and a dozen yards, more or less, of white muslin and colored cambric. If a kitchen table is not procurable, a barrel sawed in half lengthwise, with a flat board nailed thereon, makes a capital foundation. This sort of dressing table while it is fresh is exceedingly pretty.

The mahogany and the whitewood tables are beautiful. They are quite low, with swinging mirror, at just the right height for a woman to see how to



THE COLONIAL.

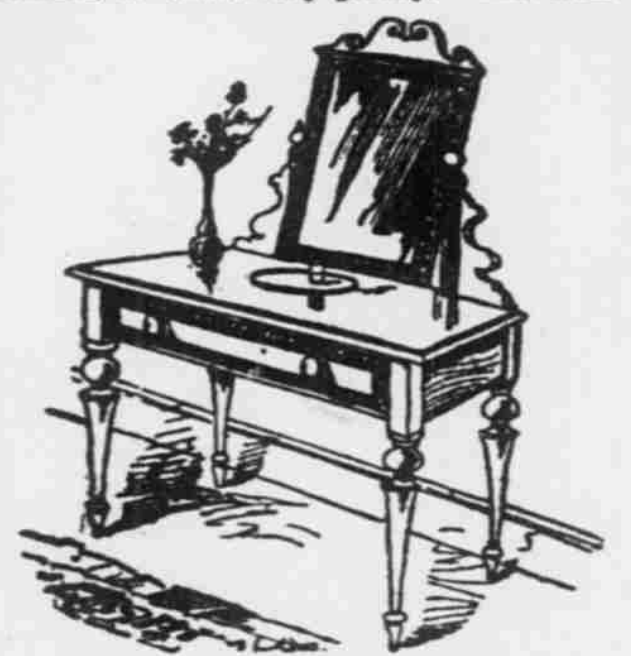
arrange her hair while sitting down. The colonial styles with rounded out sides are extremely good and admit of unlimited outlay in wood, workmanship and brass ornamentation. Some of these tables have candle rests at both sides of the mirror, so that by day or night a proper light can be secured.

The woman who thinks an ordinary bureau and a brush and comb are quite sufficient for her daily needs would hardly credit it were she told all that the up to date woman who arranges her hair at a dressing table considers necessary to enable her to perform such a feat. Silver, ebony, tortoise shell, ivory and rare china are used for the brushes, combs, hand mirrors, buttonhooks, etc.

Quite a new thing is to have the table covered with a thick piece of beveled plate glass put over the embroidered toilet cover. It seems just a trifle hard and cold, but looks very well. The ivory and tortoise shell sets have the serious disadvantage of not standing well our climate. The tortoise shell cracks very easily, and the glass in the ivory hand mirrors snaps constantly, owing to the contraction of the ivory in the changes of climate. Silver is the most useful of anything. Embroidered covers for these tables are handsome. The white linen, cut in points and buttonholed in colored fillole, is effective and shows off the ornaments best. Dotted muslins and lace should be reserved for the duchess tables with their draperies.

At the secondhand furniture dealer's can often be found veritable old mahogany dressing tables, which, after being scraped and polished, are as handsome as the modern ones, in many instances much handsomer. The garrets of old New England houses have been pretty well ransacked the last few years by collectors of antique furniture, but dressing tables have only recently been the craze, so there are undoubtedly still treasures to be found.

For country houses, where elaborate furnishing is out of place and where daintiness and freshness should by rights take the place of richness of wood and carving, the duchess tables in such rooms are handsomer than those of wood. A country room furnished in cretonne, with dressing table covered with the same and curtains of flowered chintz, is extremely pretty. The ordi-



WHITEWOOD TABLES.

nary pine wood table makes a capital foundation, and a half round of wood is good to tack the side curtains to, although some prefer the straight brass rod to hang them over. The mirror for this sort of table can be of the plainest description if the frame be covered, but the handsome old fashioned gilt ones are allowable, says the writer of the foregoing in The Housewife.

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